



Alzheimer's and Advocacy

Los Angeles County Older Adult Summit
April 5, 2018



Local Advocacy

Bringing Our Loved Ones Home Taskforce (BOLOH)

- Launched in 2017 in response to the disappearance of Nancy Paulikas from LACMA
- Included 22 stakeholder organizations
- Produced recommendations to better prevent and respond to the problem of wandering, including 17 strategies
- Approved by the Los Angeles County Supervisors (Feb. 20, 2018) including funding for Project Lifesaver, county-wide tracking technology





**Dementia Friendly
Communities**

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Dementia Friendly Communities in Greater Los Angeles

- Azusa
- San Marino
- Redondo Beach
- Montrose
- West Central/South Central Los Angeles Dementia Care Network
- Latino Dementia Care Network
- Riverside
- Monrovia (future)
- Northridge (future)

Dementia Friendly Montrose

- Community members
- Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles
- Glendale Police Department
- Mountview- Elmcroft Senior Living
- Solheim Senior Community
- USC Verdugo Hills Hospital- Stepping Stones
- YMCA of the Foothills
- Verdugo Hills Home Care
- Glendale Public Library



Dementia Friendly Montrose



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More than five million people have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease across the nation.

Every part of our community has a role in supporting people with dementia and their caregivers.

The annual number of persons with Alzheimer's and other dementias is projected to triple by 2050. These numbers will touch us all because they represent family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, colleagues, clients, and customers.

Dementia Friendly means:

- An **informed** community
 - Understand dementia and Alzheimer's disease
 - Know what resources exist in your community
- A **safe** community
 - Look out for those susceptible to exploitation
 - Help those who are lost or missing
- A **respectful** community
 - Learn tips for interacting with a person who has dementia
 - Tailor services to create a dementia-friendly business
 - Respond warmly and effectively when serving people living with dementia and their families

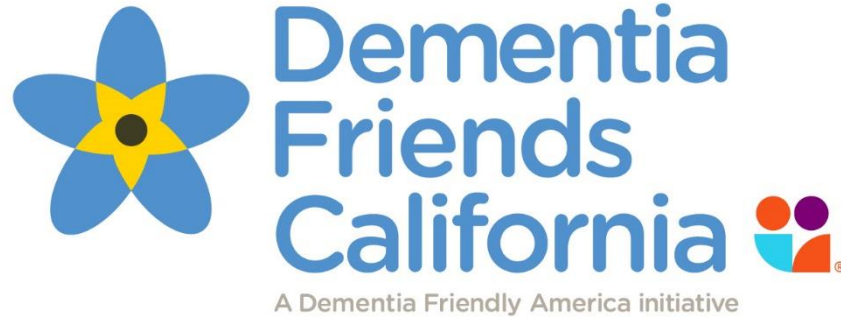


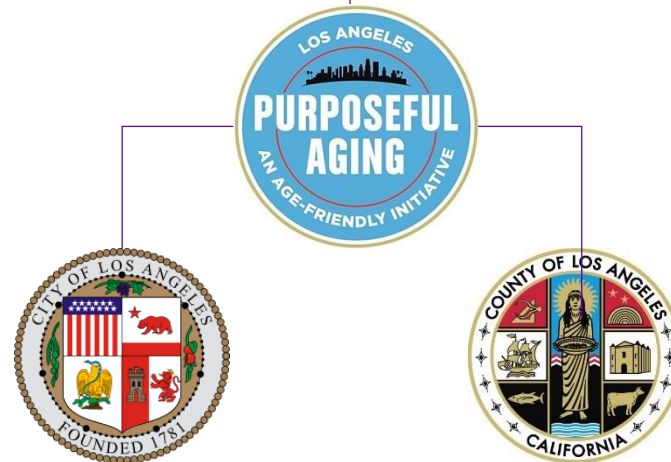
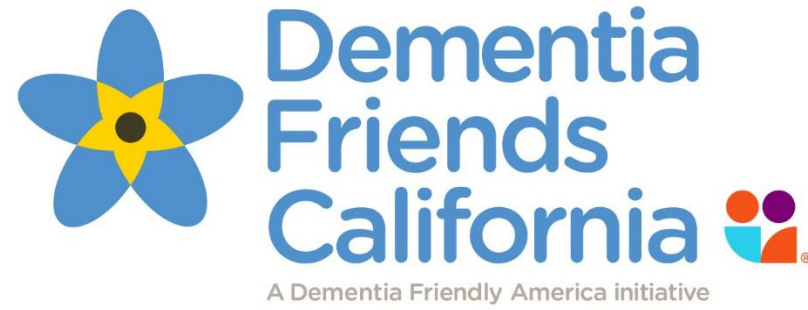
Dementia Friendly Montrose Action Team 2018 Priorities

- Central location for resources
- Community education
- Expand dementia programs in the community

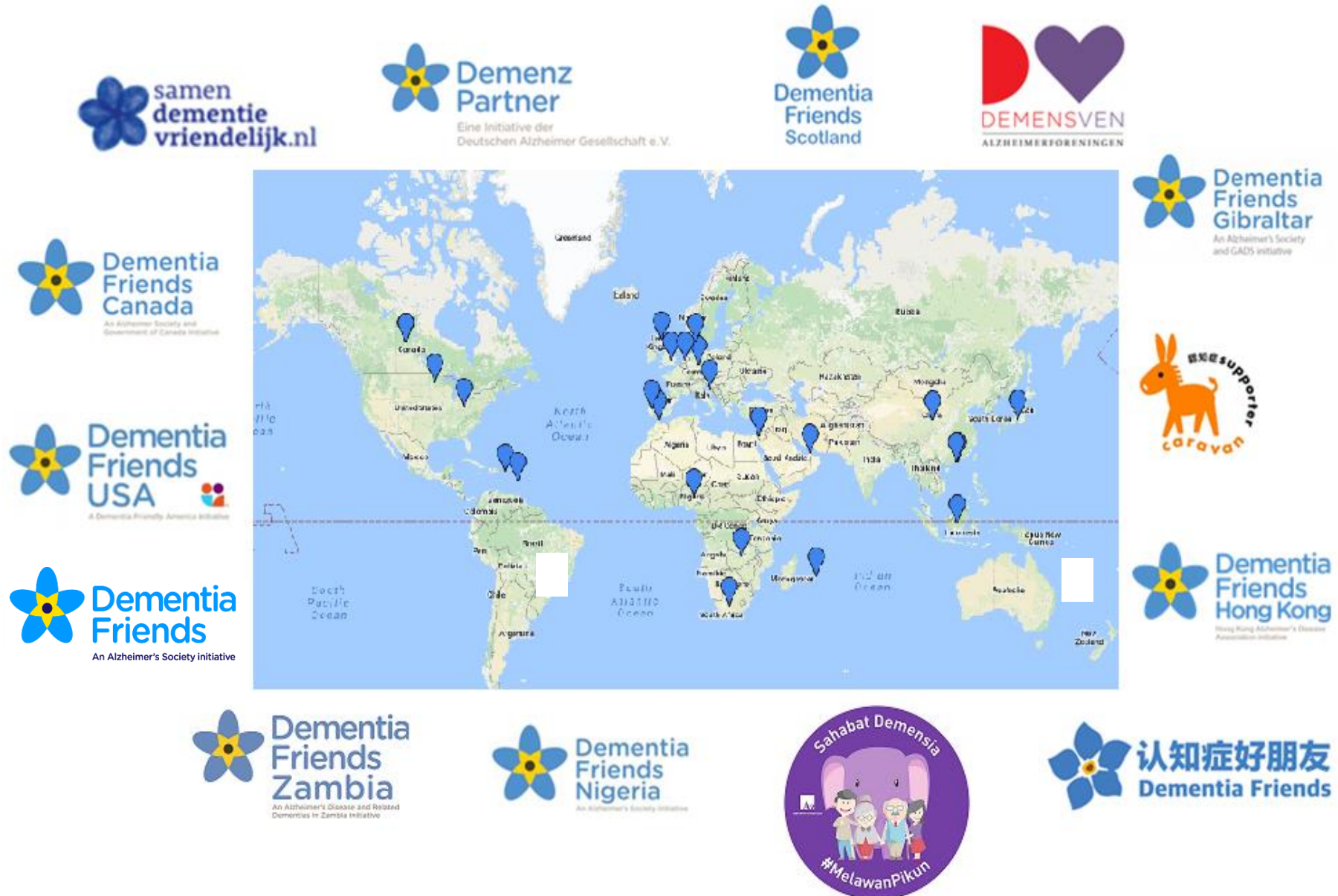


Dementia Friends





Global Dementia Friends



Dementia Friends Five Key Messages

1. Dementia is not a natural part of aging
2. Dementia is caused by disease of the brain
3. Dementia is not just about having memory problems
4. It is possible to have a good quality of life with dementia
5. There's more to the person than the dementia. People with dementia are a valuable part of the community

Become a Dementia Friend!

- Attend an in-person session
- Online

www.alzcla.org/dementia-friends

Interested in hosting a Dementia Friends session? Contact Kimiko Kelly at kkelly@alzcla.org.



State Advocacy

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- Dementia CalMediConnect Project
- Access to county mental health services
- Legislative Priorities
 - \$3.1 million for Alzheimer's research
 - Adding 2,000 new slots to the Medi-Cal Assisted Living Waiver
 - AB 1955 (Limón): Alzheimer's disease public awareness campaign
 - AB 2025 (Mainschein) investing in public-private partnerships to promote person-centered adult-day programs

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Federal Advocacy

CHANGE Act (H.R. 4957/S. 2387)

Concentrating on High-Value Alzheimer's Needs to Get to an End Act

- Promotes timely detection and diagnosis
- Promotes innovative approaches to supporting family care partners
- Removes regulatory barriers to disease-modifying treatments

Other Federal Priorities

- **Increase funding for Alzheimer's research**
 - FY 2017: \$1.4 billion
 - FY 2018: \$1.8 billion (requested)
- **Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act** (H.R. 4256/ S. 2076)
 - Creates an Alzheimer's public health infrastructure to improve early detection and diagnosis, reduce risk and prevent avoidable hospitalizations
- **Protect the Affordable Care Act**
 - Proposed cuts to Medicaid funding would force California to cut services, restrict eligibility and reduce benefits

Take Action!

- Write to your Representatives
- Call your Representatives
(202) 224-3121
- Visit your Members of Congress





Questions?

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